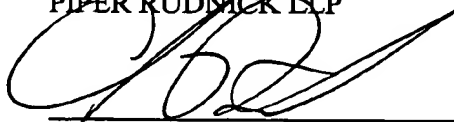


REMARKS

These amendments are made to place the specification in proper format and to conform the same to the accompanying corrected Formal Drawings. No new matter is believed to have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the case is now in condition for issuance, and early notice of such action is respectfully requested.

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